

GEER BARTLETT R
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â GEER BARTLETT R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

PUTNAM
INVESTMENTS,Â ONE POST
OFFICE SQUARE

(Street)

BOSTON,Â MAÂ 02109

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

01/04/2005

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

PUTNAM HIGH INCOME BOND FUND [pcf]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner

☒ Officer ☒ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

Managing Director, Putnam, LLC
/ and of its issuer's manager

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person

___ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Date Expiration Title Amount or
Exercisable Date Number of

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Shares

or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GEER BARTLETT R PUTNAM INVESTMENTS ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE BOSTON, MA 02109	Ã	Ã	Ã Managing Director, Putnam, LLC	and of its issuer's manager

Signatures

Bartlett R. Geer 01/14/2005

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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